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Applicant |

: Zhigang Fang, et al.

Application No. : 09/494,877

Filed

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Title

: LOW COEFFICIENT OF THERMAL

EXPANSION CERMET COMPOSITIONS

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: 1742

Examiner

: Daniel J. Jenkins

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: 34098/GTL/S61

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Post Office Box 7068 Pasadena, CA 91109-7068 September 23, 2002

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action dated April 23, 3003, Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with an appropriate Petition fee, and respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 14 and 25 as follows:

(Amended) A low coefficient of thermal expansion cermet 1. α_{ζ} material comprising:

a first phase of grains selected from the group consisting of



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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
| Total Claims Fee | 48 ⁺⁶ | * 54 | | x \$9.00 | x \$18.00 | |
| Independent Claims | 5 | ** 5 | | x \$42.00 | x \$84.00 | |
| Multiple Dependent Claims *** | | : | | \$140.00 | \$280.00 | |
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___ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.

X A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

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__ Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed**.

Respectfully submitted,

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